



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 285

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 14, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 285 creates the Nutrition in Schools Act. In an effort to minimize the growing epidemic of childhood obesity, this bill would ban all sales of non-nutritious foods and beverages in schools from thirty minutes before the school day until the end of the school day.

Under this act, nutritious foods would be defined as those foods that meet the following requirements: 1) contain not more than thirty-five percent fat, 2) not more than ten percent saturated fat, and 3) not more than thirty-five percent sugar. Nuts and seeds, as well as unsweetened fruits and vegetables would be excluded from the above guidelines.

Nutritious beverages would be defined as water, plain or flavored low-fat or no fat cow or soy milk, one-hundred percent fruit juice and one hundred percent vegetable juice. Juice, under this bill, will be limited to twelve ounce servings.

The Nutrition in Schools Act would not regulate, apply to, or otherwise interfere with the federally funded school breakfast and lunch programs.

By July 1, 2006 each school district would have to adopt a policy in accordance with this act. Full compliance would be required by July 1, 2007.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Arnie M. Stuthman